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SUBJ: MBFR: HIGHLIGHTS OF AD HOC GROUP MEETING MARCH 21

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. MEETING DISCUSSED MARCH 20 FRG- POLISH BILATERAL, MARCH 20 EASTERN QUADRILATERAL, AND FUTURE TACTICS AD HOC GROUP SHOULD EMPLOY. END SUMMARY.

2. POLISH BILATERAL. FRG REP (HOFFMAN) REPORTED ON HIS MEETING WITH NEW MEMBER OF POLISH DELEGATION, WOJTOWICZ, RECENTLY ARRIVED FROM WARSAW WHERE HE IS CHIEF, AMERICAN DESK, MFA, WHO WILL PRO-
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BABLY REPLACE BAKO AS DEPUTY REP (BAKO GAVE SAME INFO TO US DEL OFFICER EARLIER). CONVERSATION HAD CENTERED ON AGENDA, WITH WOJ-TOWICZ, COMMENTING THAT EAST WAS HAVING DIFFICULT TIME FORMULATING AGENDA PROPOSAL BECAUSE THEY NOW REALIZE THAT HUNGARIAN PROBLEM CAN RE-EMERGE UNDER VARIOUS AGENDA TOPICS. ON IMMEDIATE HUNGARY PARTICIPATION PROBLEM, WOJ-TOWICZ STATED THAT ANY FORMULA THAT ATTEMPTED TO SINGLE OUT HUNGARY WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE TO THE EAST BECAUSE IT WOULD NOT ALLOW FOR LATER FRENCH ENTRANCE, AND THAT THEREFORE A MORE GENERAL FORMULA WAS NEEDED. BOTH LEBER'S SPEECH TO THE RECENT WEHRKUNDE MEETING IN MUNICH AND THE LUNS INTERVIEW WERE ALSO RAISED BY WOJ-TOWICZ, WHO POINTED OUT THAT THE FORMER SEEMED TO INDICATE DECREASED FRG INTEREST IN REDUCTIONS AND THE LATTER A NATO ACCEPTANCE OF THE DELETION OF HUNGARY FROM DIRECT PARTICIPATION.

3. MARCH 20 QUADRILATERAL. NETHERLANDS REP (QUARLES) SUMMARIZED RESULTS OF US EMBASSY MEETING WITH SOVIET (KHLESTOV, TIMERBAYEV, KVITSINSKIY) AND HUNGARIAN (USTOR, PETRAN) REPS WITH FOLLOWING COMMENTS: IT NOW SEEMED CLEAR TO HIM THAT HUNGARIANS WERE UNWILLING TO BE SINGLED OUT IN ANY FORM BE IT TEXTUAL OR DECLARATORY. BOTH US AND NETHERLANDS REPS POINTED OUT THAT HUNGARIAN REJECTION OF ANY SINGLING OUT WAS EMPHASIZED SOMEWHAT MORE BY THE HUNGARIANS THAN THE SOVIETS, WHO REMAINED SILENT DURING SOME EXCHANGES ON THIS TOPIC. ADDITIONALLY, THE HUNGARIANS SEEMED WILLING TO ENTER-TAIN SOME GENERAL COOPTION FORMULA WHICH WOULD GIVE THE WEST A JURIDICAL BASIS TO RAISE HUNGARIAN PARTICIPATION ISSUE AT A LATER TIME. ANOTHER ITEM OF INTEREST THAT EMERGED FROM THE MEETING WAS KHLESTOV'S EVIDENT ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONCEPT OF UNILATERAL STATEMENTS AND HIS PERCEPTION THAT THESE WERE OF TWO TYPES: THOSE THAT DID NOT GO CONTRARY TO INTERESTS OF EITHER SIDE AND WERE NOT CONTESTED AND THOSE THAT DID AND THEREFORE WOULD BE.

4. WESTERN REPS REPEATEDLY USED THE ARGUMENT DURING DISCUSSION THAT ANY SOLUTION WHICH GAVE HUNGARY INDIRECT PARTICIPANT STATUS WAS NON-NEUTRAL AND THEREFORE VIOLATED THE EAST'S OWN PRINCIPLE. NETHERLANDS REP REPORTED THAT BOTH HE AND US COLLEAGUE HAD URGED EAST TO ADVANCE A TRULY NEUTRAL CONCEPT WHICH WOULD NOT FORECLOSE POSSIBILITY OF HUNGARY JOINING SOME LATER AGREED MEASURES.

5. HUNGARIAN REP'S (USTOR) STATEMENT THAT AS FAR AS HE COULD SEE BOTH SIDES NOW ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE CONCEPT OF ABEYANCE WAS CONSIDERED SIGNIFICANT BY BOTH NETHERLANDS AND US REPS. THE QUADRI-CONFIDENTIAL

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